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Philadelphia District

## **PROJECT FACT SHEET**

### **New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway Environmental Restoration**

**September 2005**

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**CONGRESSIONAL INFO:** Sen. Corzine, NJ; Sen. Lautenberg, NJ; Rep. LoBiondo, NJ-2;  
Rep. Saxton, NJ-3

**ACTIVITY:** General Investigations

**TYPE:** Navigation, Environmental

**PROJECT PHASE:** Feasibility

**AUTHORITY:** House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,  
September 12, 1996.

**LOCATION:** The study area includes a 70-mile portion of the New Jersey Intracoastal  
Waterway (NJIWW) located between Great Bay on the north and Delaware Bay on the south.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Decades of maintenance dredging along this Federal navigation project have generated millions of cubic yards of dredged material. This material has been placed in numerous upland and overboard disposal sites located in environmentally sensitive areas within the shallow bays, waterways, and wetlands along the NJIWW. Dredged material disposal has become increasingly difficult as existing sites are filled to capacity while more stringent environmental regulations restrict some dredging and disposal activities. Many of these disposal areas have negatively impacted the local habitat and thus present a significant opportunity for ecosystem restoration. However, dredged material can be a valuable resource for beneficial uses such as habitat creation and erosion protection. Current and future dredging requirements must consider environmentally acceptable disposal options to assure adequate capacity. This study has identified opportunities for ecosystem restoration throughout the NJIWW and bay system, as well as modifications to current operations, maintenance and management practices with an emphasis on beneficial uses of dredged material.

**PROJECT STATUS:** A draft feasibility report was submitted for policy review in April 2004. NAD/HQ reviewers recommended a complete restructuring of the report. After receiving non-Federal sponsor concurrence, the District requested and was approved for additional funds of \$300,000 (\$150K Federal, \$150K non-Federal) to complete the feasibility in FY06.

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Reconnaissance Phase:	\$100,000	Fed
Feasibility Phase	\$1,440,000	Fed
	\$1,440,000	Non-Fed

**BUDGET DATA** (Federal)

FY 02: \$150,000

FY 03/04: \$0

FY 05: \$0

**SPONSOR:** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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